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A.—(*a*) No gravel ' roads ' are formed on canal bunds; but along the top of one of the banks of a few important channels gravel to a width of 2 to 4 feet is spread.

(*b*) The reasons for spreading gravel are—

(1) to preserve the top of the bank from deterioration,

(2) to facilitate inspection of channels, and

(3) to serve as a good towpath for towing inspecting officers' pinnaces.

It is unnecessary to make wider banks. If the banks were made wider, carts would be taken unauthorizedly by villagers and the banks damaged.

(*c*) Expenditure on this item forms part of the expenditure on special repairs which includes revetment of banks, etc. It is not possible to give separate information as to how much money has been spent on spreading gravel.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari :—" May I know whether the amount which they are spending for making these gravel paths are not coming from the amounts sanctioned by Government for the repairs of these irrigation channels and therefore the irrigation channels are not being properly repaired by them ? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" I do not think it follows."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari :—" May I ask whether the Government are prepared to enquire into the matter and find out whether or not the department has spent over a lakh of rupees in this circle alone for making these gravel roads ? "

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter :—" I do not think any advantage would be gained by making such an enquiry."

Land Revenue Administration

Lapse to Government of tasdik allowances due to temples in South Kanara during the last 30 *years.*

* 305 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt : Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total of the tasdik due to temple and other religious institutions which have lapsed to the Government within the last 30 years in the district of South Kanara ;

(*b*) the number and names of the said institutions and the amount which the said institutions were entitled to get ;

(*c*) the reasons why they have lapsed ; and

(*d*) the number of institutions to which the said grants of tasdik have been since restored and the amount so paid ?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*d*) The Government have not the information and it cannot be collected without considerable labour.

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Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt:—"May I know whether the Government would consider the question of paying these lapsed tasdik amounts to the temples in case applications are made by them?"

The Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter:—"I think I have already informed either the hon. Member or this House that the Collector can readmit any tasdik allowance which has lapsed and that if he refuses to readmit it, the Board of Revenue can do so. It is within the power of every temple whose allowance has lapsed to make such an application."

Secretariat

Representation of the Andhras on the Secretariat establishment.

* 306 *Q.*—Mr. P. Peddi Raju: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Andhras employed—

(i) in the Revenue Secretariat,

(ii) in the Law Secretariat,

(iii) in the Development Secretariat;

(*b*) the number of vacancies that arose after the 1st April 1935 up to date and the number of vacancies that are likely to arise in the next four months of the year; and

(*c*) whether any applications have been received from qualified Andhras with reference to such vacancies?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A statement is appended.[a]

(*c*) The selection of candidates for appointment to the clerical establishment in the Secretariat is made by the Madras Services Commission and Government do not entertain applications from candidates for such appointment.

Control of Vehicles

Refusal to issue licences to taxis five years old in Madras.

* 307 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Motor Vehicles Licensing officers at Madras are refusing to allow taxis five years old from running as taxis; and

(*b*) whether vehicles with landau body alone are now being insisted on to run as taxis?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes, saloon cars are now insisted upon.

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[a] Printed as Appendix XI on page 230 infra.